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REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE ISRAELI PRACTICES AFFECTING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND OTHER ARABS OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES

Report of the Secretary-General

(in pursuance of General Assembly resolution 46/47 A)

1. The General Assembly, at its forty-sixth session, adopted resolutions 46/47 A to G of 9 December 1991 concerning the reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories (A/46/65, A/46/282 and A/46/522). By resolution 46/47 A, the General Assembly, inter alia, demanded that Israel desist forthwith from a number of policies and practices mentioned in the resolution.

2. On 3 July 1992, the Secretary-General addressed a note verbale to the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Israel, in which he requested, in view of his reporting responsibilities under the resolution, that the Minister for Foreign Affairs inform him of any steps his Government had taken or envisaged taking in implementation of the relevant provisions of the resolution.

3. No reply had been received at the time of the preparation of the present report.

4. In paragraph 19 of resolution 46/47 A the Assembly reiterated its call upon all States and upon international organizations, including the specialized agencies, not to recognize any changes carried out by Israel, the occupying Power, in the occupied territories and to avoid actions, including those in the field of aid, that might be used by Israel in its pursuit of the policies of annexation and colonization or any of the other policies and practices referred to in the resolution.

5. By notes verbale and letters dated 3 July 1992 the Secretary-General drew the attention of all States and of international organizations, including the specialized agencies, to paragraph 19 of the resolution.

6. In paragraph 27 (d) of resolution 46/47 A, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to ensure the widest circulation of the reports of the Special Committee and of information regarding its activities and findings, by all means available, through the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat and, where necessary, to reprint those reports of the Special Committee which were no longer available.

7. In response to paragraph 27 (d) of resolution 46/47 A, the Department of Public Information undertook the following activities:

(a) In a booklet published in Arabic, English, French, German, Spanish and Russian under the title Life of the Palestinians under Israeli Occupation (DPI/1192), the Department of Public Information used extensively material available in reports of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories;

(b) The Department of Public Information included in its work programme for the biennium 1992-1993 a provision for the updating of a publication issued by the Department in 1989 under the title Human Rights for the Palestinians (DPI/974) that publicizes the work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories;

(c) The Department of Public Information, both at Headquarters and through United Nations information centres, publicized the 1992 mission to the Middle East of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.